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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIRTICLE ON PAGE ONE OF RAND DAILY MAIL
OF FEBRUARY 12 UNDER HEADLINE QTE NO BRIBE,
SAYS LOCKHEED MAN UNQTE. TEXT READS:

QTE. MR. JOHN NASH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY WHICH
REPRESENTS THE LOCKHEED COMPANY IN SOUTH AFRICA, SAID
FROM HIS JOHANNESBURG HOME LAST NIGHT THAT THERE WAS " NO
QUESTION OF ANY MONEY BEING PASSED" IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT
DEALS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

HE WAS REACTING TO REPORTS OF THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL, IN WHICH
THERE HAVE BEEN REVELATIONS THAT THE AMERICAN COMPANY HAS
PAID BRIBES FOR BUSINESS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

IT WAS REPORTED IN JOHANNESBURG YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED
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STATES SUB-COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE SCANDAL WAS ALSO

INVESTIGATING " THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION,"
AND THAT ATTENTION WAS BEING FOCUSED ON A JOHANNESBURG BUSINESSMAN.
RICHARD WALKER REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT LOCKHEED
OFFICIALS WERE SILENT ON REPORTS THAT MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS IN AGENT'S FEES FOR THE SALE OF LOCKHEED HEAVY
TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AFRICA WERE PAID INTO ACCOUNTS IN
LIECHTENSTEIN, AND POSSIBLE SWITZERLAND.
NINE AIRCRAFT ARE INVOLVED, A LOCKHEED OFFICIAL
SAID ON WEDNESDAY.
BUT ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF
INVESTIGATING SENATROS, BEHIND THE DEALS WERE COMPLICATED
TRANSACTIONS IN EUROPE ALSO INVOLVING THE SALE OF PLANES
TO NIGERIA AND SPAIN.
SO COMPLICATED, THAT WHO ACTUALLY ENDED UP WITH SIDE
PAYMENTS IS APPARENTLY STILL NOT CLEAR. UNQTE.
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